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APPLICATION NO: **09/401,132** :  
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FOR: **Apparatus and Method for Object Based Rate Control in a Coding System**

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